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RESPONSE

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In response to the action mailed December 28, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 28 and 88.

Please amend claim 1, 2, 21, 29, 30, 56, 59, 78, 89, 90, 93, 94, and 96 as follows:

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1. (Thrice Amended) A propellant-free composition consisting of (A) a polypeptide, (B) one or more surfactant compounds which (i) have a consistency that permits them to be processed into primary particles having a diameter less than 10 microns, and (ii) enhance the systemic absorption of said polypeptide in the lower respiratory tract of a patient, and (C) optionally one or more non-hygroscopic excipients, said composition being in the form of a dry powder suitable for inhalation from a dry powder inhaler device, wherein at least 50% of the total mass of (A) and (B) consists of primary particles having a diameter less than 10 microns or equal to about 10 microns, and wherein each of the one or more surfactant compounds is selected from the group consisting of a salt of a fatty acid, bile salt, single-chain phospholipid, double-chain phospholipid in which each chain of the double-chain phospholipid is eight or fewer

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